

PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 04853.0138-00000

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Shinzo YASUDA et al.) Group Art Unit: 1633
Application No.: 10/594,417) Examiner: Scott LONG
International Filing Date: March 25, 2005) Confirmation No.: 2159
371(c) Date: September 26, 2006)
For: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING 1,3-)
PROPANEDIOL AND/OR 3-)
HYDROXYPROPIONIC ACID)

Mail Stop RCE
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
Sir:

PETITION FOR ONE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby petition for a one (1) month extension of time to reply to the Final Office Action mailed December 20, 2007. A request to charge \$120.00 to our deposit account for the extension is included on the RCE Transmittal filed herewith.

Please grant any further extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to Deposit Account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: April 16, 2008

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